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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/27/2007/Pre-Appeal.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 75-88 and 94-96 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 75, 77-82, and 84-96 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 76 and 83 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Regarding the status of the claims in the instant application, the Examiner has found new prior art. The Examiner is obliged to apply the newly found prior art. The Examiner regrets the delayed process of the application. Accordingly, claims 75-88 and 94-96 remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 75, 77-82, and 84-96 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Muftic et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,850,442) in view of McAllister, Alex (U.S. Pat. No. 5,655,007).

As per claims 75, 77-82, and 84-96 Muftic substantially discloses a method for securing electronic transaction, the method comprising;

Providing a buyer value note, the buyer value note including a buyer public key, the value, and a first bank signature, appending the buyer value note with a seller public key, endorsing the buyer value note with a buyer endorsement signature such that the buyer endorsement signature is verified with the buyer public key, creating a seller value note, the seller value note including a seller public key and the value, and endorsing the seller value note with a second bank signature whereby the value is

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transferred to the seller (see., figs 19, 20, and 27, col 2, lines 15-col 17, lines 1-60).

Based on Applicant's arguments filed 11/27/2006, Applicant argues that the card reader of Muftic is not required to provide authentication. Instead, travels with the value note.

However, the newly found prior art McAllister discloses a transaction authentication device or card reader for verifying users identity (see., McAllister, col 16, lines 47-65, col 17, lines 1-30). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teaching of Muftic by including the limitation detailed above as taught by McAllister because this would prevent unauthorized access of the a card.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 76 and 83 are allowed over the prior art of record.


Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 571 272 6706. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00. Patents and hoteling.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer can be reached on 571 272 6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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